

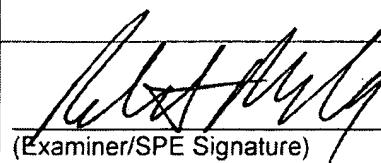


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All Participants: (1) <u>Robert M. Pond</u> . (2) <u>Mr. Joseph Bach, #37,721</u> .	Status of Application: <u>Pending</u> (3) _____ (4) _____	
Date of Interview: <u>22 February 2007</u>	Time: _____	
Type of Interview: <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Telephonic <input type="checkbox"/> Video Conference <input type="checkbox"/> Personal (Copy given to: <input type="checkbox"/> Applicant <input type="checkbox"/> Applicant's representative)		
Exhibit Shown or Demonstrated: <input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> No If Yes, provide a brief description:		
Part I. Rejection(s) discussed: <i>103(a) rejection of claims 2-10 and 12-20</i>		
Claims discussed: <i>Independent claims</i>		
Prior art documents discussed: <i>Woolston, Buyclassiccars.com (both previously cited); Lemonbusters.com (see attached PTO-892)</i>		
Part II. SUBSTANCE OF INTERVIEW DESCRIBING THE GENERAL NATURE OF WHAT WAS DISCUSSED: <i>See Continuation Sheet</i>		
Part III. <input type="checkbox"/> It is not necessary for applicant to provide a separate record of the substance of the interview, since the interview directly resulted in the allowance of the application. The examiner will provide a written summary of the substance of the interview in the Notice of Allowability. <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> It is not necessary for applicant to provide a separate record of the substance of the interview, since the interview did not result in resolution of all issues. A brief summary by the examiner appears in Part II above.		
 (Examiner/SPE Signature)		(Applicant/Applicant's Representative Signature – if appropriate)

Continuation of Substance of Interview including description of the general nature of what was discussed: Arguments pertaining to online ordering of agent product search (physical search) at sales shops for products not orderable via a network connection were persuasive. Woolston in combination with Walker and Buyclassiccars.com fail to disclose or suggest the claimed feature. The final office action mailed 26 September 2006 is withdrawn. A new office action will be issued based on claims entered 07 July 2006.

Pertaining to claim language, claims 5, 8, 15, and 18 claim contradicting elements. If the system can transmit sales information that includes product listings for a plurality of items which are only sold at sales shops, then the sales shops are accessible via the communications network. Rejection under 35 USC 112 will be included in the next office action.

A telephone discussion with Mr. Bach was held on 19 January 2007. Arugments already on the record were reviewed to the extent that this Examiner agreed to a follow-on discussion pertaining to the merits of the prior art and claimed subject matter.